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SUBJECT: FRENCH MISSIONARY CAPTURED BY CHADIAN REBELS

1. FRENCH PROTESTANT MEDICALLY TRAINED MISSIONARY PAUL HORALA, MEMBER OF MISSION EVANGELIQUE-UNIS, CAPTURED MORNING JUNE 11 BY REBELS AT MISSION STATION LOCATED AT MATADJENE, 200 KM NORTH OF ABECHÉ AND MIDWAY ALONG ROAD FROM BILTINE TO IRIBA. ROAD RUNS THROUGH HILLY AREA WHICH HAS LONG PROVIDED HAVEN FOR REBEL BANDS. ACCORDING MISSIONARY SOURCE, THERE WAS REBEL ACTIVITY AROUND NEARBY TOWN OF BAKAORE AT END OF MAY. INFORMATION ABOUT CAPTURE REACHED ABECHÉ JUNE 12 AND WAS REPORTED BY MISSION EVANGELIQUE-UNIS FIELD DIRECTOR BENJAMIN STROHSCHÉIN TO FRENCH AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES SAME DAY.

2. MISSION STATION CONSISTED OF HORALA, HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN, FRENCH NURSE LILLY KNECHT, AND TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES BELONGING TO MENNONITE
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LINDEN GOOD AND STEPHEN STEINER.

REMAINING MISSION MEMBERS AND HORALA DEPENDENTS
WERE EVACUATED BY ROAD AND AIRPLANE JUNE 12 TO ABECHE.
HORALAREPORTEDLY SEIZED, ALONG WITH MEDICINES, 80
LITERS OF GASOLINE, MISSION RADIO AND VEHICLE. REBELS
INDICATED HE WAS NEEDED ONLY FOR SEVERAL DAYS, PRESUM-
ABLY TO PERFORM MEDICAL SERVICES.

3. GOC AUTHORITIES BELIEVE REBELS BELONG TO ABBA
SIDDICK'S PROLINAT GROUP. GOC PLANS MILITARY
OPERATION AGAINST REBELS, BUT MRS. HORALA HAS REQUESTED
DELAY TO SEE IF REBELS MAKE GOOD ON PROMISE OF NEEDING
HORALA ONLY SHORT TIME. SITUATION HAS NOT YET BEEN RE-
PORTED IN LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL PRESS. TO DATE NO
DEMANDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM REBELS AS WAS CASE
FOLLOWING CAPTURE OF EUROPEAN HOSTAGES BY BARDAI REBELS
IN APRIL 1974.
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